GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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IMPORTED FERTILIZERS LYING AT PORTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of fertilizers in tonnes imported by the Government during the current financial year;

(b) whether said fertilizers are lying at ports ;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the arrangements being made by the Government for the timely transportation of imported fertilizers ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a) Fertilizers other than Urea are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). The import of urea is permitted only through State Trading Enterprises and import for direct agriculture use is made on government account. Imports of all other fertilizers are allowed freely. However, Government maintains a buffer stock of DAP through its buffer stocking agency. The month wise details of Urea, DAP & MOP imported during the year 2006-07 up to 31.10.2006 is as under: -

Quantity in lakh MT

Month	Urea	DAP	MOP	Total
Apr-06	2.79	0.59	0.43	3.81
May-06	2.31	2.37	0.23	4.91
Jun-06	2.23	3.17		5.51
Jul-06	3.07	3.35	0.76	7.42
Aug-06	4.1	4.79	1.66	10.55
Sep-06	4.13	3.56	5.51	13.2
Oct-06	4.81	4.14	7.59	16.54
Total	23.44	21.97	16.18	61.94

(b) to (d) The stock lying at the ports as on 31.10.2006 was 4.32 lakh MT urea, 3.72 lakh MT DAP and 4.26 lakh MT MOP. Department of fertilizers, in close coordination with Railways & Department of Shipping, is monitoring the day to day despatches of fertilizers from all major ports to ensure timely availability of fertilizers to the farmers.